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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph nos. [0028]-[0030] on pages 15-16 of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:

[0028]

If necessary, a thermoplastic resin can be added to the negative electrode material as a binder. The thermoplastic resins include, for example. PVDF, polyethylene, polypropylene, etc. The amount of the thermoplastic resins used is optionally set depending on the purpose.

[0029]

As the negative electrode current collector, Cu, Ni, stainless steel, etc. can be used, and Cu is particularly preferred because it hardly produces alloys with sodium and it can be easily worked to thin films. For supporting a mix containing the negative electrode active material on the negative electrode current collector, there may be used a method of pressure molding or a method of preparing a paste using a solvent and coating the paste on the negative electrode current collector, followed by drying and pressing to fix the coat on the current collector.

[0030]

As the separators used in the non-aqueous electrolyte sodium secondary battery of the present invention, there may be used, for example.

materials in the form of porous film, nonwoven fabric and woven fabric which comprise polyolefin resins such as polyethylene and polypropylene,

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fluorocarbon resins, nylons, aromatic aramids, etc. The thickness of the separators is usually about 10-200 μm.